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SOURCE:

1. Between 14 and 18 December 1953, MIG-15s, most of which were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks, took off and landed separately at Riga-Spilve (N 56-59, E 24-04) airfield, Latvian SSR, at intervals of about 20 minutes. The aircraft took off from northwest to southeast and crossed over the export harbor at an altitude of about 200 meters. There was a fairly constant southeasterly wind. The landing aircraft taxied to a stop, turning in a northerly direction. Several red brick buildings with flat, black roofs were observed in the northern section of the field. The view of the field was obstructed by a high board fence around the field and by trees. Only once was a jet aircraft observed parked on the landing field for any significant period of time; usually, the aircraft immediately disappeared from view.
2. Twin-engine commercial aircraft were observed flying over the northern perimeter of Riga. These aircraft constituted regularly scheduled commercial traffic. On 16 December 1953, a single-engine biplane was observed flying up the Dvina River.

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